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SUBJECT: CROWN PRINCE HASSAN'S TRIP

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S/S FOR ATHERTON

1. WE WELCOME CROWN PRINCE'S INTEREST IN JORDAN LONG-TERM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SHARE HIS DESIRE TO ESTABLISH A MORE COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH US ON DEVELOPMENTAL MATTERS. WE NOTE EMBASSY CONCERN OVER IMPLICATIONS OF A FULLY "COLLABORATIVE" APPROACH AND AGREE WE MUST EXPLORE CAREFULLY CP'S IDEAS ON THIS SUBJECT. IN THIS VEIN WE WILL CONSIDER THE CP'S SUGGESTIONS SYMPATHETICALLY DURING OUR DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON.

2. BELIEVE CP'S VISIT, AND PARTICULARLY MAY 23 ROUND TABLE SESSION AT DEPARTMENT, WILL GIVE HIM AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO ELABORATE HIS IDEAS BEFORE KEY AUDIENCES. SESSIONS WITH BATTELLE INSTITUTE, NATOMAS, AND HARD MINERAL FIRMS

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SHOULD BLEND NICELY WITH CP'S FOCUS ON LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT

AND IMPORTANCE OF OIL AND MINERAL EXPLOITATION. CP WILL RECEIVE A SYMPATHETIC HEARING AND WE INTEND BE AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE TO HIS IDEAS.

3. WE WISH, HOWEVER, TO AVOID IMPLICATION THAT USG IS PREPARED TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR JORDAN'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND, AS EMBASSY POINTS OUT, QUESTIONS OF FUNDING AND PERSONNEL MUST BE RESOLVED. WE SHARE YOUR CONCERN THAT CONTINUING INCREASES IN POLITICAL AND DEFENSE SPENDING WILL ERODE PROSPECTS FOR LONG-TERM SELF-SUSTAINING ECONOMY IN JORDAN.

4. DURING CP'S VISIT WE INTEND EXPLORE WITH HIM WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN ESTABLISH A MORE COOPERATIVE WORKING RELATIONSHIP. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT CP, UPON HIS RETURN TO JORDAN, UNDERTAKE A SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH EMBASSY OFFICIALS TO WORK UP SPECIFIC PROPOSALS. EMBASSY'S EFFORTS (REFTEL) TO STUDY RAMIFICATIONS OF GRADUAL SHIFT AWAY FROM SA TOWARD DL WOULD BE KEY INGREDIENT IN THIS EFFORT.
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